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*Monthly report from San Juan and subports.*SAN JUAN, PORTO RICO, *December 7, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following consolidated report of the transactions of the Service at this port for the month of November, 1899:

Number of births .....	68
Number of births, November, 1898 (comparative) .....	52
Number of deaths .....	90
Number of deaths, November, 1898 (comparative) .....	84

## A list of the causes of deaths is inclosed herewith:

Number of vessels inspected .....	43
Number of vessels inspected, November, 1898 (comparative) .....	33

Number of vessels in quarantine, 2. The first was the Spanish steamer *Monserat* which arrived from Havana on November 3. She transacted business in quarantine, and the nonimmune local passengers were held in detention to complete the period of observation.

The other vessel was the Spanish steamer *Buenos Aires* which arrived from Spain on November 11 with 1 case of smallpox on board and 76 passengers for this port. A thorough examination of all passengers revealed the fact that all except 4 had recent successful vaccinations, and after disinfection of their effects, they were released. The non-immunes were vaccinated and kept under observation at the detention station.

The patient died while arrangements were being made to transfer him from the vessel to the lazaretto. He was ordered buried at sea.

The weather still continues warm, the average temperature for the month being 79°. Rainfalls are very frequent, the total for the month being 11.81 inches.

During the month, 105 vaccination certificates were issued and viséed and 180 pieces of baggage were disinfected.

The reports from the small ports are as follows: Vessels inspected, Mayaguez, 13; Arecibo, 6; Humacao, 6; Aguadilla, 4, and Arroyo, 4.

On November 9, the English schooner *Nellie* arrived at Humacao from Trinidad and was held in quarantine by the sanitary inspector on account of the reported plague at Trinidad. He immediately telegraphed me of his action and requested instructions from this office. As the crew were all healthy, the vessel had a clean bill of health, and as the report of plague at Trinidad was not verified, he was directed to release the vessel.

The French steamer *Fournel* from Colon arrived at Mayaguez on November 23 and was held in quarantine to complete the period of observation on account of the presence of yellow fever at Colon.

On request of the French consul, she was given permission to leave quarantine and proceed to sea, without touching at any port of Porto Rico. This was not done, however, as the agents at St. Thomas instructed her to stay out the quarantine at Mayaguez and then take on some cargo at that port. The instructions in regard to this quarantine were issued from this office.

The Norwegian steamer *Gyller* arrived at Mayaguez from Santiago, Cuba, on November 27. She was detained in quarantine by the sanitary inspector, who wired this office for instruction. He was directed to allow her to transact her business in quarantine by means of lighters, which was done.

The number of deaths at the subports during the month are as follows: Mayaguez, 145; Arecibo, 152; Humacao, 50; Aguadilla, 58, and Arroyo, 21.

Respectfully,

A. H. GLENNAN,  
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[Inclosure.]

*Vital statistics of San Juan, Porto Rico, for November, 1899.*

Cerebral congestion .....	2
Asphyxia .....	2
Stillborn .....	2
Anæmia .....	5
Eclampsia .....	2
Cardiac lesions .....	10
Bronchitis .....	4
Cirrhosis of the liver .....	4
Intestinal colic .....	1
Diphtheria .....	2
Enteritis .....	9
Cerebral sclerosis .....	1
Aortic stenosis .....	1
Entero-colitis .....	6
Typhoid fever .....	2
Malnutrition .....	1
Hemorrhage (of the brain) .....	1
Myelitis .....	2
Nephritis .....	1
Peritonitis .....	3
Malaria .....	5
Rachitis .....	7
Septicæmia .....	1
Pulmonary tuberculosis .....	11
Tetanus infantum .....	2
Cancer of uterus .....	1
Diffuse abscess of the scalp .....	1
Cardiac atheromatous degeneration .....	1
Total .....	90
November, 1899—	
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*Steamship Buenos Aires treated at Miraflores quarantine station.*

SAN JUAN, PORTO RICO, *December 8, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report the arrival of the Spanish steamship *Buenos Aires* from Vera Cruz and Havana on the 4th instant. This vessel transacted her business in quarantine and departed the same day for Spain.

The nonimmune passengers and a few pieces of baggage labeled "to be disinfected" were removed to the San Juan Quarantine Detention Station at Miraflores Island. The passengers received shower baths, and were held to complete the period of observation.

The baggage was disinfected by steam and formaldehyd; the steam chamber being a single-wall affair purchased a few years ago and comparatively new requires considerable care in its use, otherwise the clothing will come out wet and in a damaged condition.